

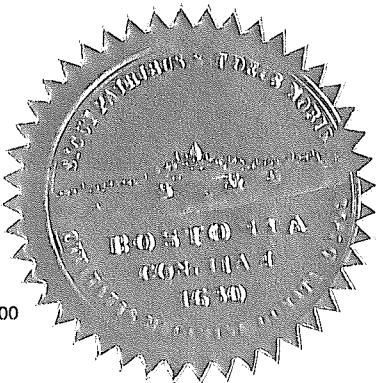
# City of Boston IN

## CITY COUNCIL

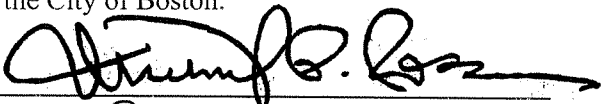
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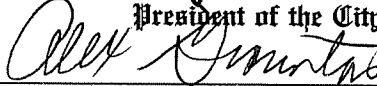
### Carole Demesmin Arty

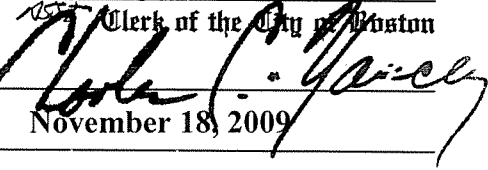
- WHEREAS: Carole Demesmin Arty came to the United States from her native Haiti in 1970 to attend high school in Boston. She joined the group *Haiti Culturelle*, and soon after became its lead singer; and
- WHEREAS: Haitian pianist and ethnomusicologist Gerdes Fleurant encouraged Demesmin to enroll at the prestigious Berklee College of Music, where she acquired first-rate voice training; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin worked with playwright, composer and lyricist JC Martineau to produce her first album *Carole Mawoule* in 1979. She later went on to release *Men Rara*, *La Wouze*, and *Bel Congo*; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin's ability to integrate her Berklee techniques with traditional Haitian folk music gave rise to a pioneer vocalist with a loyal audience; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin has traveled throughout Haiti and the United States sharing her Haitian heritage with numerous followers; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin in 2004 became the founder and president of United Haitian Artists, an organization to expose the cultural roots of Haitian art, to nurture Haitian art through education and mentorship, and to promote Haitian art throughout the global art community; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin recently launched a career as an actress playing a lead character in the movie *Life Outside of Pearl* by film maker Jhonny Desarme; and
- WHEREAS: Demesmin has been the recipient of numerous awards; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Carole Demesmin Arty, in recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her first album *Carole Mawoule*, and for 30 years of cultural performances; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, honors Carole Demesmin Arty for preserving and promoting the work of Haitian artists of all disciplines; and Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, declares Sunday, November 22, 2009 as Carole Demesmin Arty Day in the City of Boston.



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By:   
President of the City Council

Attest:   
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: November 18, 2009